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1970 Summer Camp And Conference Schedule

Although juniors and young people are encouraged to attend the event of their choice, so long as they are of the proper age and school grade, the events are listed by state for convenience in promotion.

ALABAMA: Camp Anderson Creek, about 17 miles west of Athens, is owned by the Presbytery of Huntsville. We of the United Church of Christ help to plan and to staff this camp. There is housing in cottages for eighty people. Other buildings include a modern kitchen and dining room and an open pavilion with a large fireplace. Swimming and most outdoor sports are available.

Events at Camp Anderson include:
JUNIOR CAMP I — July 12-18, for those entering grades 4, 5, or 6
JUNIOR CAMP II — July 26 - August 1, for those entering grades 4, 5, or 6
KUMBAYAH CAMP — July 19-25, for those entering grades 7, 8, or 9
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP — August 2-8, for those entering grades 7, 8, or 9
SENIOR HIGH CAMP/CONFERENCE — August 9-15, for those completing grades 9 through 12

Camp Anderson Creek has just sent us special fliers and registration forms for that camp. To receive yours, write or phone the Southeast Conference office.

TENNESSEE: Camp Ozone, halfway between Knoxville and Nashville, is the site of resident camps and conferences for the Tennessee area. A joint committee of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the United Church of Christ plans the program and recruits staff and campers. Housing is in cottages and in hogans. There is a central dining hall and a lovely stone outdoor chapel. Swimming is in the camp lake, and most outdoor sports are featured. Events are as follows:

JUNIOR CAMP I — July 19-24, for those completing grades 4, 5, or 6
JUNIOR CAMP II — July 26-31, for those completing grades 4, 5, or 6

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Adult Counselors For Small Groups Needed In Camps And Conferences

Gone are the days when an adult counselor had to be a policeman for an entire camp-conference. With the advent some years ago of the small group approach, both adults and young people have found new meaning to personal relationships.

At night, a woman counselor stays with six or seven girls in a cabin or hogan grouping; a man counselor stays with his group of six or seven boys. During the day, the boys with their counselor and the girls with their counselor form a larger group. Most of their experiences are planned by the group themselves as they come to know each other during the week. They became a "family" in the best sense of the word. For both counselors and young people the experience is most rewarding.

Young people are enthusiastic about these events! When they must be curtailed, it is usually because adults are unwilling to imagine the personal growth that can take place, and thus do not give their time and effort to be

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Atlanta Inner City Event

For young people who have completed at least the tenth grade, the Atlanta Inner City Event is a new dimension in Christian living and involvement.

From Saturday, July 4, through Saturday, July 11, young people and adults will be at the Southern Christian Children's Home, 934 Briarcliff Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. No doubt they will find time to become acquainted with the young residents there. Chiefly, though, they will learn about the intricacies and problems of urban life.

In various ways they will be involved with agencies actively at work with the politically and economically deprived persons in the city. A committee of youth and adults from the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and the Christian churches (Disciples of Christ) is now making final plans so that the Atlanta Inner City Event will be a well-balanced experience of work, study, and recreation.

Cost is \$25. Applications for registration should be made on the forms which have been sent to pastors and youth advisors. Further information is available through the Southeast Conference office.

After 77 Years Mt. Grove Has New Church Building

Most of the settlers were from Georgia so they called the new community Georgia Bend. A few of the families were Germans from Ohio, Illinois, and Kentucky.

Being on the Mulberry River, the name evolved into River Bend.

A bush arbor was built by the men to serve as their first house of worship. Oxen and wagons, with quilts thrown in for the children's comfort, were driven to church. The arbor started with 33 members and was organized in August 1890 as Mt. Olive Congregational Church.

Congregational means fellowship of all faiths and people, so the arbor got too small for the growing congregation. In 1891 the men, working mostly at night, built a church out of hand-dressed lumber.

This building stood until 1968. The members felt that it was God's will that they build a better house for the young to worship in.

On March 8, 1970, the cornerstone was laid and the new building was dedicated by the Rev. George Fidler, pastor.

Rush Memorial Will Have 57th Anniversary

The Rush Memorial Congregational Church, 150 Chestnut St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, will observe its 57th anniversary June 15 - June 21, 1970. Rev. Joe Boone is the pastor.

The following groups will sponsor the services.

Monday, June 15 — J. W. Guild

Tuesday, June 16 — J. E. Boone Progressive Club

Wednesday, June 17 — Deacons and Deaconesses

Thursday, June 18 — Young Adults and Youth Fellowship

Friday, June 19 — Banquet, with Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, nationally known civil rights leader and church woman, as speaker, at Paschall's

Not all will be inspiration, but there will be perspiration as well. Saturday, June 20, is Work Day at the church building for cleaning, repairing, painting, etc. During the Work Day there will be a barbecue dinner for the

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Ala. - NW Florida Women To Meet

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Barr of Phenix City, Alabama, the Women's Fellowship of Alabama-Northwest Florida will hold its Annual Retreat at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama, Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14.

"Love Is" will be the theme of the Retreat, which will provide worship, workshop, and fellowship opportunities. Sessions will be held in the new air-conditioned buildings near the lake, and Sunday morning worship will be with the Wadley congregation of which Rev. A. R. Van Cleave is pastor.

Total cost of the Retreat is \$12.50, including meals, Saturday night lodging, and registration fee. Although bed linens and pillows will be furnished, women are asked to bring towels, Bible, and one lemon.

Send registrations immediately to Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave, Box 73, Wadley, Alabama 36276.

We are concerned by the recent STATEMENT OF DR. JOSEPH EVANS, secretary of the United Church of Christ, "For the first time we are below two million in number."

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Dr. David Stowe of the Board for World Ministries recently told a Sunday morning congregation that the board he works with is living "just one year at a time, because we don't know whether or not there will be resources for another year."

SMILE! Your friends will wonder what you're up to!

workers.

Recently, Mr. Boone has been in the hospital and his assistant, George Hawkins, has been leading the Sunday services of worship.

Huntsville Plans For Summer Ministries

Plans for the summer ministries of the United Church are now taking shape and we look forward to an exciting program for both young and old. The following opportunities are currently on the agenda:

1. A WEEK-LONG PROGRAM IN JUNE (under the sponsorship of the Men's Fellowship and the Church Council) designed to awaken fresh insights within us regarding the nature of the church and the meaning of Christian outreach to others. Dates to be announced soon.

2. A SPECIAL PROJECT FOR JUNIOR HIGHS beginning June 22nd, under the leadership training of our Vacation Church School teachers.

3. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL. This program for pre-school children up through sixth grade will be held jointly with St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The dates are July 13-17.

4. SUMMERTIME DRAMA FOR SENIOR HIGHS. This opportunity will be open to any of our young people and their friends. Two short religious dramas will be produced for use among other groups in town. Mr. Humphrey will be the director.

5. FAMILY RETREAT IN SEPTEMBER. We will journey to a nearby camp where a program of spiritual enrichment will be developed for all age groups of our congregation.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 7 — Confirmation Sunday

June 14 — Church School Day-Family Picnic

June 22-26 — Special program for Junior Highs under the leadership of Miss Dorothy DeVillars of Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Humphrey, and Jinny Dillard

July 13-17 — Vacation Church School in cooperation with St. Stephens.

A Wedding At Talladega

Mr. E. J. Marbury Jr., lay-leader of our Talladega Church, was married to Mrs. Estalyn Barnes Ross on April 19, 1970, at the Talladega Church after the morning worship service was held. The former Mrs. Ross is the counselor of Women at Talladega College. Rev. Gessert and the Rev. Everett McNair performed the service of matrimony. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marbury.

S. L. Johnson Gives Summary Of Studies On Prayer At Pilgrim

1. WHY DO MEN PRAY? Prayer is instinctive. Man feels an urge to pray, to communicate with his Creator. Man must pour out gratitude to God for all His gifts. Man must seek to find both peace and power.

2. WHAT IS PRAYER? Prayer is a conversation between man and God. Often man does not listen to God's part of that conversation. The answers to prayer are God working through men. Prayer is words plus living. God is interested in each individual just as the architect is interested in each nail that goes into a building he is constructing. There is not just one answer to prayer. There are three: YES, NO, WAIT.

3. HOW DO MEN PRAY? There are many positions, many attitudes, and many times to pray. How an individual prays must be meaningful to him. God wants conversation and action. You will remember the illustration of the slave who said he kept praying for freedom but nothing happened until his prayers got down to his feet and then he ran away. I also mentioned that for twelve years John Bunyan prayed that the door of his prison cell might be opened. It wasn't. God answered, "Wait!" The waiting period was fruitful, for it was during this time he wrote his *Pilgrim's Progress*.

If, every time we prayed, we received the answer we were seeking, it might be disastrous. For nearly 2,000 years, men have been praying for the Kingdom of God. It has not yet come. But this does not mean that we should stop praying for its coming. To us, 2000 years is a long, long time. For God, it is but the stroke of a clock.

Mrs. Mamie Carlisle, who has been housebound, sent us a copy of Dr. Walter C. Alvarez's PRAYER FOR AN ELDERLY PERSON, which says in part: "Dear Lord, I realize I am growing old. Help me to keep from getting too talkative . . . positive and vehement . . . Help me to watch the faces of those about me so I will know when I have said enough. Help me to keep from developing the monologue habit. Teach me to listen . . . help me to avoid giving a biography of all the persons I mention . . . minute details



Dr. Graham Cited By Advisory Board

Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union State Junior College, was cited by the Advisory Board of the college at its recent meeting.

Dr. Graham has resigned as of June 30, 1970, to accept a position as the director of the National Council of Independent Junior Colleges under the auspices of the American Association of Junior Colleges, Washington, D. C. He came to Southern Union on Jan. 1, 1958, as the college's 9th president and has served longer than any other president since the college was founded in 1922.

The citation reads:

"That the Advisory Board gratefully acknowledges the unique contribution of Dr. Walter A. Graham to the

about everything. May I never speak of the ingratitude of my children; may I never describe my backache except to my physician . . . Help me to have a real interest in my guests, sympathy for them, and concern over their problems. Help me to mind my own affairs . . . to keep from being bossy. Above all, Lord, help me to remain kindly . . . to keep from becoming miserly . . . to keep what redeeming sense of humor and self-criticism I may once have had. Help me to make allowances for the weaknesses and irritabilities of some persons I may meet; goodness knows, they will have to make allowances for the defects and irritabilities they will find in me. Amen."

growth and development of Southern Union State Junior College. In his capacity as president of the college since 1958, he has nurtured a struggling Southern Union College into a proud place in the Alabama Junior College System. During his tenure and under his leadership, enrollment has greatly increased, physical facilities have been vastly improved and expanded, and education standards have been significantly raised. His departure is a loss to the college and community he served so well, but the fruits of his labor will remain and flourish in the minds and hearts of the faculty and student body, present and future, of Southern Union State Junior College."

Dr. Graham is a former attorney, banker, world traveler and active Christian layman. Native of Kentucky, Dr. Graham received his B. A. degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, completing the work for a degree in 3 years. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from Yale University Law School and has done graduate work in Personnel Management and Business Management and Business Administration at Benjamin Franklin University and George Washington University. His honorary LLB was conferred upon him by Elon College in North Carolina in 1958.

Prior to coming to Alabama and entering the field of education, Dr. Graham served almost 12 years as the first full-time National Director of the Lay-

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Home From School? Hear Them!

Recently some college students, in an effort to find some creative way of expressing their concern about the war and the Cambodian situation, approached some churches to share their story and their feelings. In one congregation a young, sincere, honest young lady made her presentation, honest and quite restrained. Before her 15 minutes were over, three or four persons walked angrily out and others began to express their negative reactions quite audibly. They disagreed 100% with her position on the war.

This summer many of our college students will be home. Why not listen to them? Give them a chance to discuss in the pulpit or in small group discussions what is happening on the college and university campuses.

1970 O. C. W. M. GOALS

ALABAMA

Alexander City, Antioch	—
Alexander City, Hunt Mem.	50.
Alpine, King's Chapel	100.
Andalusia, Antioch	300.
Andalusia, First	300.
Arley, Robertsons Chapel	133.
Athens, Trinity	50.
Birmingham, First	1,639.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	2,419.
Birmingham, St. John's	1,740.
Brantley, Indian Creek	92.
Brantley, Liberty	65.
Caddo, Cong'l Christian	390.
Clio, New Hope	300.
Cullman, St. John's	1,656.
Dadeville, Elder	350.
East Tallassee Cong'l Chr.	750.
Five Points, State Line	87.
Garden City Congregational	264.
Hackleburg, Fairview	150.
Haleyville, Union Grove	389.
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	300.
Headland, Blackwood	540.
Houston, Liberty Hill	60.
Huntsville, United	1,485.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	318.
Lanett, Cong'l Chr.	4,500.
Lanett, Huguley	266.
Langdale, Cong'l Christian	2,597.
Lineville, New Harmony	—
Marion, First	239.
Midland City, Chr. Hill	—
Montgomery, First	912.
Montgomery, United	564.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	152.
Mountain Creek Union	407.
Phenix City, First	615.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	227.
Pisgah, Cong'l Christian	100.
Roanoke, Antioch	292.
Roanoke, Bethany	191.
Roanoke, First	360.
Roanoke, Forest Home	127.
Roanoke, Lowell	1,103.
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	50.
Roanoke, New Hope	301.
Roanoke, Rock Spring	50.
Roanoke, Rock Stand	266.
Selma, First	118.
Seman, Community	60.
Shawmut, Todd	440.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	302.
Talladega, United	330.
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	657.
Town Creek, Old Liberty	201.
Wadley, Beulah	50.
Wadley, Christian	475.
Wadley, Corinth	256.
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	101.
Wedowee, Noon Day	166.
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	60.

FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope	180.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	50.
Bonifay, New Effort	150.
GEORGIA	
Ambrose, Christian	200.
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	180.
Atlanta, Center	—
Atlanta, Central	8,800.
Atlanta, First	10,956.
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	1,121.
Barnesville, Fredonia	480.
Baxley, Friendship	—
Beachton, Evergreen	141.
Bowman, Liberty	213.
Braselton, Macedonia	338.
Bristol, Antioch	—
Buford, Duncan's Creek	380.
Columbus, First	750.
Columbus, United	374.
Crest, Hebron	—
Demorest, Federated	400.
Doerun, New Light	—
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	—
Douglas, First	—
Enigma, Christian	—
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	231.
Hampton, County Line	—
Jonesboro, Bonanza	1,032.
LaGrange, Hillside	586.
LaGrange, United	1,376.
Macon, First	158.
Meansville, First	—
McIntosh, Midway	390.
Pearson, Union Hill	381.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	1,001.
Richland, First	105.
Richland, Providence Chapel	—
Savannah, First	751.
Thomasville, Bethany	131.
Tifton, Vanceville	—
Waycross, Williams Chapel	887.
West Point, Bethel	247.
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	656.
KENTUCKY	
Evarts, First	1,210.
Stearns, Community	90.
MISSISSIPPI	
Jackson, Ecumenical Church	—
Tougaloo, Union	320.
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Charleston, Circular	1,380.
Charleston, Plymouth	796.
TENNESSEE	
Belvidere, United	2,640.
Chattanooga, First	350.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	6,594.
Crossville, First	1,422.
Daisy Congregational	350.
Deer Lodge, Congregational	199.
Glenmary, Congregational	101.
Knoxville, Church of the Saviour	1,739.

CAMPS, CONFERENCES

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JUNIOR HIGH I July 26-31, for those completing grades 7, 8, or 9

JUNIOR HIGH II — August 2-7, for those completing grades 7, 8, or 9

GEORGIA: Camp and Conference events will be held at three locations: Dorchester Center, Atlanta, and Roosevelt State Park.

DORCHESTER CENTER, near Midway, Georgia, is about 30 miles south of Savannah. Campers are housed in a large brick building in rooms housing 3 to 5 persons. Meals are prepared in the central dining hall except when campers elect to prepare theirs outdoors. Swimming is at nearby Ft. Stewart or at the beach.

JUNIOR and JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS will be held August 2-8.

ROOSEVELT STATE PARK is at Pine Mountain, near Warm Springs. At the small group camp, which we shall use, campers are housed in frame cottages; meals are prepared in the dining hall, except when campers elect to prepare theirs outdoors. Swimming is in the lake on the property.

JUNIOR and JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS will be held August 9-15.

ATLANTA is the location of the Senior High Inner City Event, July 4-11. See description of the event elsewhere.

DR. GRAHAM CITED

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men's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches (now United Church of Christ), visiting churches all over the United States, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. He has made six trips to Europe, the last one being in 1967 when he visited 8 countries.

Dr. Graham served as vice-president of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches 1966-1969, and was elected president in 1969, to serve 1969-1972.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham will be leaving Wadley in the near future to make their home in Washington, D. C. While they will be greatly missed in the Southeast, we wish them every possible happiness and success in their undertaking.

Nashville, Brookmeade	845.
Nashville, First E & R	2,997.
Nashville, Fisk Union	100.
Nashville, Howard	630.
Pleasant Hill, Community	1,081.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	147.
Sweetwater, First	748.

Alienated Americans

If you don't have a copy of the May 1970 issue of Social Action you should secure one from your pastor and read about Alienated Americans. "Dissent, controversy, coalition, and compromise are part of the 'stuff' of human life, especially in group relations and in politics," says the first sentence on page 3.

Alienation seems to occur everywhere, even in the home as well as in the church, in the community as well as in the political party. If you will read through the magazine and don't let any article "throw you", you will come to John W. Flucke's article, "What Can the Local Church Do?" His final suggestions are: Understand the nature of the church, clarify the role of the pastor (especially helpful at this time), learn to listen (amen) and expose leaders to rank and file (ouch). He concludes, "To overcome alienation we must begin now to build trust once again."

Volunteer American Nurse In Vietnam



Vietnam Christian Service Nurse Sue Chaperon of Portland, Oregon, represents us at Nha Trang.

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Dr. Duncan S. Ferguson Is Ordained As U. C. C. Minister May 17, 1970

Dr. Duncan S. Ferguson, who has been serving as pastor of the Federated Church at Demorest, Georgia, for several months, was ordained as a minister of the United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 17, 1970.

Those participating in the Ordination Service included: Rev. James E. Walter, president of Piedmont College; Rev. Dr. Arthur Rinden, professor of history, Piedmont College; Rev. Dr. John H. Bridges, assistant professor of sociology, Piedmont College; Dr. Oliver B. Wood, chaplain and professor of religion, Piedmont College; Rev. Dr. David Beebe, chaplain, Berry College; Rev. Dr. William J. Andes, Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Ben L. Somerville, rector, Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, Ga.; and Rev. Mert McMahon, priest of the Roman Catholic Parish, Clarkesville, Georgia.

Dr. Ferguson's educational background includes a B. S., University of Oregon, 1959; a B. D., Fuller Theological Seminary, 1962; M. A., University of Oregon, 1964; and a Ph. D., New College, Edinburgh University, 1969.

Dr. Ferguson's family are members of the United Church of Christ and he says, "Genuine commitment came during the high school years and it was during my first year of college that I decided to enter the ministry."

His experience in Christian work includes youth ministry: Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, Cal-

ADULT COUNSELORS

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a counselor.

Although not everyone should be a counselor, more committed Christian adults should consider the following qualifications to try to determine how YOU — or someone else from your church — fits into the picture:

1. Should be at least 21 years of age.
2. Should be flexible so as to be willing to learn as the week progresses.
3. Should regard counseling as a 24-hour-a-day ministry, particularly with his small group while he is at camp or conference.
4. Should have a desire to relate creatively — neither as "boss" nor as "floormat" — with children or youth.
5. Is willing to attend a training session some weeks before camp opens, and agrees to arrive at the site a day before campers do, for on-site training.
6. Should see the camp and conference ministry as a "growing edge" of his and his campers' Christian education.

If you see yourself in this picture and are willing to serve in this way for board and room only, the summer opportunities efforts need you! Write for details to:

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ifornia, and Peninsula Church, Palo Alto, California; camp and conference ministry, Mount Hermon, Calif.; college ministry, First Baptist Church, Eugene Oregon; and pastoral ministry, Federated Church, Demorest, Ga.

The basis of his theological statement of faith was the concept of reconciliation. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself . . . and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." II Cor. 5:19.

Dr. Ferguson's plans include finishing the academic year at Piedmont College and the pastoral responsibilities at the Federated Church. He and his family will then move to Spokane, Washington, where he will serve as chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Whitworth College. Their address in Spokane will be either the college or Brentwood Gardens, 130 E. Hawthorne Rd., Apt. 124, Spokane, Washington 99218.

We wish them the best of everything in all of their future endeavors.

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Message From Miss Leila Anderson

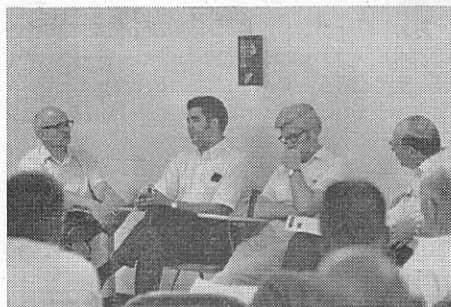
"It has been over a year since I visited some of your churches. As a reminder of what we discussed, the Stewardship Council aided me in sending out a letter last winter. I mentioned that my book, "PILGRIM CIRCUIT RIDER," was available from our book store for one dollar. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding concerning securing the supply and some were informed that the book was not available. This error has been corrected and the book can be secured from our book store.

"If you are interested in having copies for sale, with the usual discount, on consignment, I will be glad to furnish such copies. We had a good response recently at the South Dakota Conference meeting.

"I plan to be home in August and at some other times of the year and am inviting people to visit me or to stop on the way elsewhere. I live near Highways 80 and 34, four miles south of LaMoille, Ill. You may be able to pass on this invitation. I do not know where the next General Synod will be held. My place might be a good stopping place for delegates, if in the West."

Miss Leila W. Anderson
Rt. 1, Box 132
LaMoille, Ill. 61330

Panel Discussion, Ministers' Convocation At Callaway Gardens, May 11-13, 1970



L to R — Rev. Serge Hummon, Rev. James Hargett, Dr. Robert Moss, Dr. William J. Andes.



At Ministers' Convocation, L to R: Rev. Lucius Albert, Mrs. Albert, Rev. Annie Campbell, Mrs. Willard Kratz, Rev. James Jackson.

The Big Three At Southeast Conference Ministers' Convocation

How can you fail when you have such United Church of Christ national leaders as (l to r) Serge Hummon, Office of Planning, James Hargett, Council for Church and Ministry, and Robert V. Moss, president of the United Church of Christ — all of New York?

The Ministers' Convocation brought together 45 ministers and wives of the Southeast Conference to dialogue with these national leaders in a search for the meaning of the ministry all had undertaken.

Meeting at the time of the difficulties in Augusta, Georgia, the Convocation expressed their sympathy to the families of those killed and wounded and asked for a thorough investigation of the causes which had produced this crisis in Augusta. They deplored the rash statements of the Governor of Georgia and asked for reconciliation between the black and white communities.

Concluding their statement, they re-committed themselves to the position of the Seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ as being opposed to all forms of racism, violence, and poverty.

REV. OTTO CULPEPPER, recently resigned as pastor of the Mountain Creek Union Church near Wetumpka, and MRS. CULPEPPER will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8, 1970. Their many friends wish them much continued happiness.

Prayer At Noonday

In the middle of the day, the staff and those who work in the offices of the Board for World Ministries gathered for prayer. This event happens each day in the City of New York. On May 27, 1970, Dr. David Stowe, soon to become the executive secretary of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ, led the service of prayer.

First, he read from the scripture of two men who went up to the temple to pray. Then Dr. Stowe reminded us that prayer reveals the character and the life style of the pray"er" — one who is humble, concerned, reaching out to help mankind in the name of God, and the other feeling exalted, sinless, having the answers and not being very helpful to the world nor to God.

We prayed for Rudy and Jean Schnobel, their children and others associated with them in their ministry in South India. As Dr. Stowe prayed and as the entire group opened their hearts to God, this visitor felt the grave concern of the New Yorkers for those who worked and ministered in far away places. Can you imagine a great body of busy people in New York City stopping to pray for the fellow workers in distant and often lonely places, as well as for those in distress and in lonely exile around the corner from this beautiful office building?

The Emphasis Committee for 1972-73 was meeting in those offices that day. This Conference minister could only hope that local churches could pause at noonday and lay bare their hearts before Almighty God, pleading for exiled and alienated mankind everywhere, as well as for fellow comrades in the service of their Lord. Prayer does reveal the character of the pray"er".

W. J. Andes

1970-71 Officers of The East
Alabama Ministers' Association
President — Warren Blankenhorn
Vice-President — Joe A. French
Secy. - Treas. — Ralph Worley

The ministers will meet monthly in the Valley at the same place each time. The place is to be located after a brief study by W. Walter Hall and the Executive Committee.